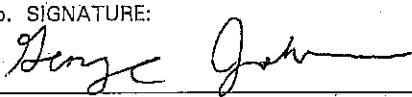
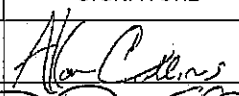


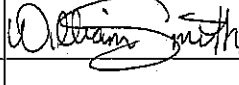
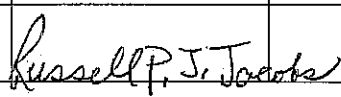


**DRAFT****UNIT AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

For use of this form, see HQDA Letter 600-06-1; the proponent agency is DCS, G-1.

1. FROM: Commander 17th Signal Brigade Unit 121 APO AE 09222		2. TO:  HQ, USA HRC ATTN: AHRC -PDO-PA 200 Stovall St. Alexandria, VA 22232		
3. RECOMMENDING COMMAND POC: NAME: CPT Petteroney EMAIL: john.petteroney@us.army.mil		4. POC PHONE: DSN: 314-111-2222 COMM: 011-49-6000-0000	5. RECOMMENDED UNIT:  221st Signal Battalion	
6. UIC: WAM9AA	7. DID 65% OF RECOMMENDED UNIT'S ASSIGNED MTOE PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		8. ARE OTHER UNITS TO BE INCLUDED IN RECOMMENDATION? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (COMPLETE BLOCK 20) NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. RECOMMENDED AWARD:  ASUA		10. CAMPAIGN/OPERATION (IF APPLICABLE):	11. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:  Bonn, Germany	
12. PERIOD OF AWARD: a. FROM (YYYYMMDD): 20021001 b. TO (YYYYMMDD): 20030930		13. RECENT AND PENDING AWARDS AND DATES RECOGNIZED:  ASUA (20000901-20010901)		
14a. NAME, RANK, TITLE OF RECOMMENDER:  George Johns, LTC, Commander		14b. SIGNATURE: 	14c. DATE (YYYYMMDD):  20031116	
15. COMMAND ENDORSEMENT				
VIA	NAME, RANK/GRADE, TITLE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION	SIGNATURE	DATE (YYYYMMDD)
a:	Allan Collins, BG, Cdr, 3d SIG CMD, DSN: 314-111-1111	Approval		20040302
b:	J. James Ellis, MBG, Cdr, 21st TAACOM, DSN: 314-222-2222	Approval		20040529
c:	Jeffrey Watlington, LTG, Cdr, IV Corps, DSN: 314-333-3333	Approval		20040817
d:	William Smith, GEN, Cdr, USAREUR, DSN: 314-444-4444	Approval		20040830
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16. APPROVAL AUTHORITY				
a. NAME, RANK/GRADE, TITLE		b. FINAL DECISION	c. SIGNATURE	d. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
Russell P.J. Jacobs, LTG, Army G-1		Approved		20041001
16e. COMMENTS:				

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**17. NARRATIVE:**

The mission of the 221st Signal Battalion is to provide theater level communication security (COMSEC) logistics support; Direct, General, and Special Repair Activity (Depot) level COMSEC and Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) maintenance support for all U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Government agencies and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces, as directed, within the European, Southwest Asian, and Korean theaters.

The men and women of the 221st Signal Battalion have been vital participants in the world's war on terrorism by providing unparalleled COMSEC logistic support to America's Armed Forces deployed worldwide.

In 2002, the Soldiers and civilians of 221st Signal Battalion played a vital role in the US-led war against terrorism. It was through the efforts of these men and women that the battalion was able to accomplish their missions. These Soldiers provided vital COMSEC and CCI maintenance to units across the globe.

Company A has saved the Department of Defense over \$1,000,000 each year through its detail-oriented mission accomplishments. When a unit requires maintenance on a CCI device, Company A tests it first on their workbench to determine which of the circuit needs repair. They are then able to take a card from the stock and immediately return the item to the customer. From there, the circuit card is tested to determine which circuit is broken. The Soldiers then used their skills to remove and replace the bad components on the circuit board. Once the card is determined to be 100% repaired, it is returned to stock to be used to repair another unit's equipment. This process allows us to replace the less expensive components on the card rather than ordering the entire card. It also saves customers wait time as some cards take almost a month to arrive in country.

When the call came for units throughout Europe to deploy in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), Company A provided a 20 person Maintenance Support Team package that was ready to deploy within 48 hours. While assigned to the 17th Signal Brigade, they performed high level maintenance and services on the Brigade's COMSEC and CCI equipment. They performed Modified Work Orders (MWOs) on numerous STE phones that enabled the commanders to communicate securely over cell phones.

The Soldiers of Company B have traveled throughout Europe to provide their services to our customers. When it was identified that the new STE upgrade would be required on all STEs, Company B had the mission of providing support Europe-wide. This was a vital MWO for our customers. Company B has completed over 2000 STE up-grades, completing 700 of them in just 4 days for Army Material Command Europe in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).

Company B, also provides on site services as required by our customers. Recently, a Maintenance Support Team within Company A, was sent to England and to the Naples, Italy, to re-certify KGX-93A for the Defense Information Services Agency. These devices could not be transported to our location as they perform vital, mission-critical functions and could not be removed from the system for more than a few minutes.

When units throughout the region require their 35E re-certification training, they turn to the 221st Signal Battalion. The HHC has the mission of re-certifying Soldiers stationed locally and abroad in Germany. They are also responsible for completing MOS certifications for 29E's not school trained on COMSEC equipment into compliance with the requirements to hold MOS 35E.

As part of the transition to a paperless Army, the HHC is the home to the Army's only Extension Tier 1 System. This system has allowed the HHC to begin to create and distribute CONSEC keys electronically, ridding us of the old and outdated key tapes. The fielding of this system has been given to the HHC and they passed the initial states of fielding during the summer of 2003. This system will save the Department of Defense significant money and time.

The accomplishments of 221st Signal Battalion over the past year, all boil down to customer support. If we need to meet a customer at the airport and check their equipment while they are awaiting a flight transfer, then that is what we will do. We enable the "War fighters" to communicate securely and accomplish their mission!



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18. PUNISHMENTS UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE DURING THE PERIOD OF RECOMMENDED AWARD (FOR MUC AND ASUA RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY):

a. # ARTICLE 15:

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b. # ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE:

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c. # COURT MARTIAL:

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19. PROPOSED CITATION:

For outstanding meritorious performance during the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2003 while in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. The battalion demonstrated the ability to innovate and accomplish the mission beyond the call of duty. Their ability to provide the warfighter with command and control capability wherever and whenever needed to enable decisive victory represents an outstanding effort. The dedication and outstanding performance of the 221st Signal Battalion are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon themselves, the 17th Signal Brigade, and the United States Army.

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